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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. UN: HIGHLIGHTS OF MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

USUN REPORTS THE ARAB DRAFTING GROUP IS CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS:

--A SYRIAN DRAFT ON PALESTINE WHICH REPORTEDLY WOULD PROVOKE AT LEAST ONE VETO AND HAS THEREFORE PRODUCED GROWING INTEREST IN

--A THREE-PART EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION, CONSIDERED "MODERATE" ENOUGH TO PASS.

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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF THE DEBATE HAS BEEN THE SIX POINTS DESCRIBED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MEGUID AS ESSENTIAL FOR A PERMANENT PEACE:

--ACHIEVEMENT OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS.

--CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ENTITY IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

--TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED
IN 1967.

--RECOGNITION THAT GENEVA IS THE PROPER NEGOTIATING
FORUM AND THE SC IS NO SUBSTITUTE.

--RESUMPTION OF THE GENEGA CONFERENCE WITH PLO PARTI-
CIPATION.

--SC SUPPORT IN A CALL FOR RECONVENING AT GENEVA.

(CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 104, 1/13.)

2. BRITAIN'S STRAINED RELATIONS WITH ICELAND

A SOURCE IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE BELIEVES
THAT A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN IS A MORE
IMMEDIATE THREAT THAN ICELAND'S WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. IN
ICELAND, LEADERS FROM BOTH COALITION PARTIES PREDICTED THAT
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN WOULD BE SEVERED JANUARY
14 OR 15. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 563 AND (UNCLASSIFIED)
REYKJAVIK 67, 1/13.)

3. EGYPT CALLS FOR ACTION ON LEBANON SITUATION

HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN BEIRUT AND ITS SUBURBS JAN-
UARY 14 AS THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. MEAN-
WHILE, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, IN A RADIO INTER-
VIEW, TOLD THE NATION THAT PRESIDENT SADAT ADVOCATES RAPID
AND SPECIFIC ARAB LEAGUE ACTION TO "LIQUIDATE THE LEBANESE
CRISIS" AND AVOID A "CLIMATE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND
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